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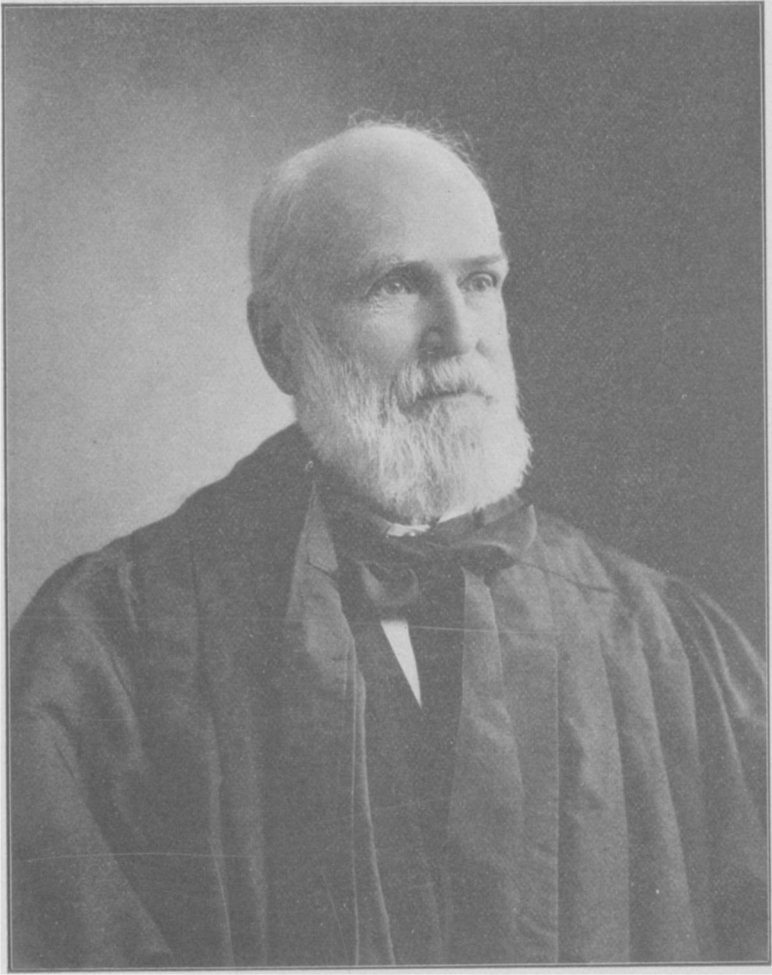
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HON. CHARLES H. SIMONTON.

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## NECROLOGY.

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HON. CHARLES HENRY SIMONTON, a member of the South Carolina Historical Society, died at the Orthopædic Hospital in the city of Philadelphia, on the morning of Monday, April 25, 1904. He was born in Charleston, July 11, 1829, and was the son of Charles S. and Elizabeth (Ross) Simonton, of Charleston, S. C. After passing through the High School of Charleston he entered the College of Charleston, but left that institution in the same year and entered the South Carolina College, from whence he was graduated in 1849, with first honors in a class of sixty-four. He taught school for about a year with Professor William J. Rivers, of Charleston, and then read law with Judge Robert Munro. He was admitted to the Bar at Columbia in 1851, and practiced alone until 1857, when he formed a co-partnership with a former class-mate at the South Carolina College, Theodore G. Barker, under the firm name of Simonton & Barker, which co-partnership continued for twenty-nine years. In 1851-2 he was assistant clerk of the House of Representatives of South Carolina. In 1858 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives from St. Philip's and St. Michael's parishes and was reëlected in 1860. In 1861 he entered Confederate service as captain of the Washington Light Infantry, of Charleston, and in 1862 was elected colonel of the 25th. Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers, commanding that regiment to the end of the war. He was taken prisoner at Town Creek, below Wilmington, N. C., in February, 1865, and held at Fort Delaware until the following August. Upon his release he returned to Charleston and resumed the practice of law and was soon thereafter elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1865 and in 1866 was elected to the House of Representatives, and, upon the meeting of the General Assembly, was elected Speaker of the House, and

so served until the State was placed under military government by the United States Government. In 1868 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and was South Carolina's representative on the Democratic National Committee. In 1876 he was again elected to the House of Representatives and reelected at each succeeding biennial election until 1886, serving during that time as chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House. On September 6, 1886, he was appointed by President Cleveland to the position of District Judge of the United States Court for the District of South Carolina. In 1893 he was appointed, by President Cleveland, judge for the 4th. Circuit of the United States Circuit Court, and held that position at the time of his death. For many years he had held the positions of chairman of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Charleston, president of the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Medical College and president of the Board of Trustees of the College of Charleston. He had also formerly held the positions of president of the Charleston Library Society, president of the Charleston Club, a Commissioner of the Charleston Orphan House, solicitor of the People's National Bank, director of the Stono Phosphate Company. He was married, April 29, 1852, to Ella, daughter of Hon. Thomas Worth Glover, of Orangeburg, S. C., who, with one daughter, Mrs. B. F. Alston, survives him.

Judge Simonton was the author of several legal works. With James Conner, Esq., he prepared and published in 1857 *A Digest of the Equity Reports of the State of South Carolina*.

His other works are: *Lectures on Jurisdiction and Practice of United States Courts*; *The Federal Courts, Organization, Jurisdiction and Procedure*.

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